



Lee County Senior Services

The Enrichment Center of Lee County
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Wednesday, April 17, 2019

The Enrichment Center Conference Room, 1615 S. Third Street, Sanford, NC 27330

Board Members Present: Cleo Bryant, Mary Ann Gaster, Henry Merritt, Jim Payne, Joyce Smith, Mary Upchurch, Martha Wicker

Board Members Absent: Trudy Forrest, Commissioner Robert Reives

Staff Present: Melanie Rodgers, Debbie Williams

Guests Present:

1. 8:31 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and announced a quorum present.
2. Jim Payne asked if there are any corrections or additions to the Agenda. With no updates, Mary Ann Gaster made a motion to accept the Agenda as written, second by Mary Upchurch and all in favor.
3. Melanie Rodgers read the minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting. Melanie made a correction in item 8., from Cleo Wicker to Cleo Bryant. Jim Payne asked if there are any further corrections to the minutes. With no further corrections, Henry Merritt made a motion to accept the minutes with the one correction, second by Joyce Smith and all in favor.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Debbie Williams provided information about upcoming Senior Center Programs, distributed flyers and referenced the April 2019 Center Post newsletter. The April 9, 2019 Card Party went well with more than 70 card players in the afternoon session. The evening session had light attendance. The April 16, 2019 Dementia & Caregiver Symposium was a success with more than 180 in attendance. Mary Upchurch commented, 'It was the best yet.' The next Powerful Tools for Family Caregivers class begins May 2 at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in this free class for family caregivers, contact Holly Hight. The Enrichment Center will recognize and thank volunteers with a reception on Wednesday, May 1 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please RSVP with Janice Holmes. The Lee County recipients of the NC Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service will be awarded at the reception. Recipients of the Governor's Award will attend a reception in Raleigh on May 6. The Spring Fling Celebration Brunch takes place at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 8. Contact Debbie Williams to RSVP. May is nationally recognized as Older Americans Month. This theme for 2019 is, "Connect, Create, Contribute." Debbie reviewed what The EC has to offer in each category of this year's theme. The NC State Fair trip on Senior Day, Tuesday, October 22, has vacant seats and all adults inside and outside of Lee County are welcome to register. Cash or money order payable to Senior Services secures your motor coach transportation seat. If you are 65 and better, you get in free at the fair. Debbie Williams congratulated and thanked Jim Payne for a successful AARP Tax Aide Program season. Jim Payne reported there were 584 tax submittals, 20 didn't need to file a tax return and the tax system software cooperated, with minimal rejects. Mary Ann Gaster asked what type of rejects occur? Jim advised it could be an incorrect social security number or transposing of address or social security number. Jim Payne asked if Lee County Government can take possession or use vacated Lee County Schools' trailers. Melanie Rodgers advised she will ask the Asst. Co. Manager/Finance Director and provide an update at the next meeting.
6. Melanie Rodgers reviewed the March 2019 Finance and MySeniorCenter reports.

7. Melanie Rodgers provided Department Updates. LCG rebranding and marketing continues. She encourages board members to follow LCG on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Blog and You Tube for announcements, board meetings and other information. Department Directors will meet April 25, 2019 to review the SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats – Analysis, which will be used to form an LCG Strategic Plan. A work order was submitted to paint safety yellow on the steps outside of the grand hall kitchen. Once the rain clears, the work will begin.
8. Jim Payne advised no Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board updates.
9. Mary Upchurch reported that the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, STHL, requested the General Assembly to return budget dollars to STHL. The return of the funds will enable STHL to hold their meetings at more appropriate venues, such as a hotel. The hotel has equipment and ample meeting space.
10. Old/New Business. Jim Payne reported as of April 1, 2019, he officially turned in his resignation as Lee County's alternate delegate in the STHL. Mary Ann Gaster thanked Jim for his work and efforts. Joyce Smith thanked Ruth Ann Payne, Jim's wife, for her volunteer time during AARP Tax Assistance.
11. Melanie Rodgers announced the next Senior Services Advisory Board meeting will be at 8:30 AM, Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at The Enrichment Center. The FY20 Home and Community Care Block Grant Hearing will be held at the meeting and a representative from Triangle J AAA will be invited.
12. With no further business, Cleo Bryant made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry Merritt and all in favor, 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rodgers on behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary.

Debbie Davidson Secretary

Jim Payne, Chair

Jim Payne